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**TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SKEGNESS
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Fourth Annual Report.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Area (in Acres) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,411·788 |
| Population (Census 1931) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 9,121 |
| Population (Local Census 1932) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8,500 |
| Number of inhabited houses (1938) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3,292 |
| Rateable Value 31st December, 1938 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | £118,712 |
| Product of a penny rate | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | £458 |

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants is that of catering for visitors, Boarding House, Hotel Proprietors and Retail Shopkeepers.

There is no occupation in the town which has a detrimental effect on public Health.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS DURING THE YEAR.

| | | | Total | Males | Females | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| Births | ..... | ..... | 153 | 86 | 67 | Birth Rate 15.1 |
| Deaths | ..... | ..... | 127 | 60 | 67 | Death Rate 12.5 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|-----|
| No. of women dying in | } | from Sepsis | NIL |
| consequence of childbirth | | from other causes | NIL |

Death-rate of infants under one year of age, per 1,000 live births : Total 3. 19.6

| | |
|--|-----|
| Deaths from Cancer (all ages) | 16 |
| „ „ Measles (all ages) | --- |
| „ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) | — |
| „ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) | — |

There has been no disease of special importance during the year.

Tuberculosis.

| Age Periods | NEW CASES | | | | DEATHS | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|--------|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-pulmonary | |
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 0 | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | 1 | | | 3 | | | |
| 25 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| 35 | 2 | | | | 2 | | | |
| 45 | | 2 | | | | | | |
| 55 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| 65 and upwards | | | | | | | | |
| Totals ... | 3 | 5 | 2 | | 7 | 1 | 1 | |

N.B.—The Birth and Death Rate is calculated on the estimated resident population 1938, 10120.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) during the year. The figures are :

| | Total cases notified. | Cases admitted to Hospital. | Total deaths. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Scarlet Fever | 17 | 14 | |
| Diphtheria | 5 | 5 | |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | 1 | | |
| Erysipelas | 4 | | |
| Pneumonia | | | |
| Cerebro Spinal Fever | | | |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | | | |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | | | |
| Total | 28 | 19 | Nil |

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.—One case notified was treated at home satisfactorily.

Public Health Officers of the Authority :

Medical Officer of Health, and Superintendent of Isolation Hospital—x‡Dr. D. Fraser Menzies, M.B., Ch B. (St. And.)

Sanitary Inspector, Superintendent of house and trade refuse removal, Petroleum Inspector—‡*S. James, (1) Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute. (2) Cert. Royal Sanitary Institute. Meat and Food.

Matron of Isolation Hospital—Miss B. M. Herratt, State Reg. Nurse.

x Part time.

* Whole time.

‡ Salary contribution by exchequer grants.

NURSING.

I am indebted to Mrs. Hillsdon, the secretary to the District Nurse Association, for the following reports of the District Nurses' Work :—

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| General Nursing Visits | 3,497 |
| Ante Natal Visits | 331 |
| Maternity and Midwifery Cases | 124 |

I consider the above figures speak highly of the good work done by our two District Nurses.

SKEGNESS INFANT WELFARE.

During the past year the work at the Infant Welfare Centre has increased and a second Health Visitor—Miss Heslop, was appointed in June. She shares the work at the Clinic with Miss Maley. There has been an average weekly attendance of 70 Mothers and 85 Babies.

Talks on Baby Welfare are given each session by the Health Visitors.

Dr. Easterbrook attends each Friday afternoon, and also at the Ante-Natal Clinic held alternate Friday mornings from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The dentist attends once a fortnight.

Fresh Milk and Virol are provided free in necessitous cases.

The Clinic is open each Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A tea party and presents for the children given by the Committee and friends was much appreciated by the Members.

CHILDREN'S DAY NURSERY.

A Children's Day Nursery under the Management of fully Trained Nurses has been provided. This has proved of inestimable value to mothers who know their children are being cared for in healthy and happy surroundings.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The hospital for infectious diseases is situated in an isolated position on the Wainfleet Road, and is about two miles from the town.

There are 16 beds available for residents and visitors.

The majority of cases, about 75 per cent., treated at the hospital, are visitors to the town.

The buildings consist of two ward blocks, administrative block, also outhouses, and housing for steam disinfectors.

I must express my thanks to the matron (Miss B. M. Herratt) for the skill and careful attention given to all patients whilst in hospital.

The Hospital proved adequate during the year to deal with all cases of infectious disease which arose.

Venereal Diseases.—There is no local centre available for the treatment of venereal diseases.

Tuberculosis.—The County Council provide for the treatment of tuberculosis. The nearest clinic is at Spilsby, and the nearest Sanatorium at Louth. A clinic for this purpose is, I understand, to be established at Skegness.

Ambulance Facilities.—A motor ambulance is now provided for the removal of infectious cases to the Hospital.

For all other cases a new and up-to-date motor ambulance has been provided by the British Red Cross Society and is garaged with Mr. W. Knott, Drummond Road, Telephone No. 51. Members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade have given much voluntary help in Ambulance work and this has been greatly appreciated.

COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The town has been well served in past years by the Skegness Cottage Hospital. The present Hospital accommodation is 11 beds 3 private wards and 2 cots. There is an efficient X-Ray Department and Light or Radiant Heat Therapy can be obtained in the Institution. Hospital extensions are now in progress, these include a Maternity Ward of 7 beds, 3 of which are Private Wards, also a new ward of 12 beds with 4 Private Wards for female patients and the necessary increased accommodation for the Nursing Staff. The New Hospital will be opened on 25th May, 1939, by H.R.H., The Duchess of Gloucester. Your Council has done a great deal to make these extensions of the Skegness Hospital possible.

LABORATORY WORK.

The Council is a life member of the Clinical Research Association, London, who carry out laboratory work at special rates.

The County Council also provide facilities for this work.

Diphtheria Anti-Toxin is provided by the Council in all necessitous cases. The Council has adopted a scheme for the immunisation of all children against Diphtheria.

GENERAL HEALTH.

The general health of the town has been good during the year, and there was no occurrence of disease of special importance.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is constant and is of excellent quality. A copy of the water analysis is appended. These analyses are made monthly.

COPY.

THE CLINICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, Ltd.,

*Watergate House,
York Buildings,
Adelphi,
London, W.C. 2.
24.12.38.*

(Skegness U.D.C.)

Report No. 62818.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER REPORT.

The sample of water marked public supply, Notts. Convalescent Home, collected on 19/12/38, and received here on 20/12/38 at 1-45 p.m. has been examined, and I have been instructed to forward the following report thereon:—

| | | <i>Parts per 100,000</i> | <i>Grains per Gallon.</i> |
|--|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) CHEMICAL | | | |
| Total solids (dried at 120°C.) ... | ... | 43.0 | 30.1 |
| Combined Chlorine (as Cl.) ... | ... | 2.10 | 1.47 |
| equivalent to Sodium Chloride (Na Cl.) | | 3.47 | 2.43 |
| Nitric nitrogen (Nitrates) ... | ... | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Nitrous nitrogen (Nitrites) ... | ... | Nil | Nil |
| Ammoniacal nitrogen ... | ... | 0.0004 | 0.0003 |
| Albuminoid nitrogen ... | ... | 0.0006 | 0.0004 |
| Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C. | | 0.003 | 0.002 |
| Lead or Copper ... | ... | Nil | Nil |
| Temporary hardness (equivalent to CaCo ₃) ... | ... | 7.5 | 5.3 |
| Permanent Hardness ... | ... | Nil | Nil |
| Total Hardness ... | ... | 7.5 | 5.3 |

(2) BACTERIOLOGICAL

Average number of organisms producing visible colonies on gelatine plates, incubated at 22°C. for 3 days is found to be ... 3 per ml.

Average number of organisms producing visible colonies on agar plates, incubated at 37.5°C. for 2 days is found to be less than 1 per ml.

B.Coli ... not found in 100 ml.

Streptococci ... „ „ „ 30 ml.

Cl. Welchii (spores) ... „ „ „ 100 ml.

REMARKS.

The combined results show that this water is of a high degree of organic and bacterial purity and is quite safe for drinking purposes.

(Signed) M. CAUDELET,
Secretary.

Rivers and Streams.

There are none in the area.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Soil and surface water sewers have been laid and extended to meet the needs of the district as occasion demanded. The erection of the new sewage disposal works was well in hand at the end of the year.

Closet Accommodation.

Steps have been taken, when sewers have become available, to connect property to such sewers and provide W.C.'s in lieu of pails and privies. The number of closets on the conservancy system converted to the water carriage system will be found in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Scavenging.

The removal and disposal of house and trade refuse and the cleansing of earth closets, privies, and cesspools in the area is carried out by the Council.

This work was carried out during the year under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector in a most efficient manner.

Owing to the available and suitable tipping sites becoming exhausted it will be necessary to provide some other means of refuse disposal, and it is I think desirable in a health resort such as this to provide mechanical means of separation and incineration as a method of refuse disposal.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

A classified statement of the number of premises visited, the defects or nuisances discovered, and the action or result of action taken in regard to these will be found in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

Smoke Abatement.

Periodical observations are taken of the works chimneys in the area. Three informal notices were served, and these were complied with.

No legal proceedings were necessary.

Schools.

The sanitary conditions and water supply of the public elementary schools are excellent.

The County School Medical Officer regularly inspects the schools and the children. Any treatment required can be obtained through the medical practitioners in the town and through the various schemes provided by the Education Committee. As in the case of Infant Welfare Centres close co-operation between the Medical Officers and the Medical Practitioners is essential for efficient service.

All the pupils in the elementary schools are supplied with milk each morning.

HOUSING.

Two hundred and sixty licences were issued for the temporary use of houses by persons in excess of the permitted number under section 61 Housing Act, 1936. The general housing conditions are good, there being no houses overcrowded at the end of the year.

Report on Housing Acts Inspections.

The number of inspections made and the action taken will be found in the tabulated report.

SHOPS ACT.

Inspections are made from time to time and the action taken will be found in the tabulated report. The one notice outstanding at the end of the year to provide reasonable means of heating was complied with.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT.

There are twelve persons registered to slaughter animals.

Humane methods of slaughter are used in all the slaughter houses.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There is one privately owned swimming pool and one owned by the Council.

Bacteriological examinations have been made of the water in these pools on an average of one sample a month.

In each case a satisfactory report of the water was received.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

1—Number of Council Houses infested, 2. Disinfested 2.

3—Number of Houses infested, 8. Disinfested 8.

3—Where houses or rooms are found to be infested, all woodwork such as skirtings and mouldings are released and the premises sprayed or fumigated according to circumstances, affected bedding is either steam disinfected or destroyed by fire. In all cases revisits are paid to premises and advice given to tenants as to the best means of keeping the premises free from re-infestation.

The work of disinfestation is carried out by the Council.

CAMPING SITES.

| | |
|--|------|
| 1. Number of sites used for camping purposes | 22 |
| 2. Number of licences granted | 20 |
| 3. Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area. | 8100 |

MEAT AND FOOD.

The three private slaughter-houses situate in Richmond Drive are visited by your Council's Sanitary Inspector during hours of slaughter.

This takes place almost daily in the season and in winter on three days each week.

Shops, stalls, vehicles and places where food is stored or prepared for sale have been regularly inspected.

MILK SUPPLY.

All farms and dairies in the district have been frequently visited. All the cowsheds and dairies are of good construction, and every effort is made to attain a high standard of cleanliness.

Samples of milk were frequently taken from all sources and submitted for examination. In any case of milk being found not to be of the required standard suitable action was at once taken. I am glad to say such cases were very rare.

Milk Special Designations Order, 1936.

There is one licensed producer, and nine licensed purveyors of Pasteurised Milk, four licensed dealers of Tuberculin Tested Milk and one licensed dealer in Accredited Milk. One Licence is granted to an establishment to bottle Accredited Milk.

BAKEHOUSES.

Frequent visits have been paid to the bakehouses in the district. These are clean and well kept.

There are no underground bakehouses.

Sale of Food and Drugs.

The County Council is the Authority for carrying out this Act.

WORKSHOPS.

These were inspected periodically, and it was found in one or two instances that the attention of the occupier had to be drawn to the uncleanness of sanitary conveniences or want of limewashing of internal wall surfaces. These matters were put right without resorting to formal measures. The work carried on is mainly motor repairs, dressmaking and millinery, cycle repairs, joinery, photography and upholstery.

GENERAL.

Skegness is a town which has grown very rapidly in the past few years. It has developed as a holiday and as a health resort, catering chiefly for the Industrial population of the Midlands. The records of sunshine, temperature, rainfall and Ultra Violet Radiation shows Skegness to be suitable during the greater part of the year, both for the holiday maker and for the convalescent patient in need of a tonic after an illness. That this has been recognised is proved by the fact that there are in Skegness ten Convalescent Homes.

The large expanse of sand, the great facilities for sea bathing and sun bathing, with the well known benefits derived therefrom, and the opportunities for physical exercises and outdoor games of all kinds in healthy surroundings make Skegness a health resort eminently suitable for children.

The Sun Castle, an attractive building, glazed with V. ta Glass, overlooking the sea, is available to visitors during the winter and summer months. There in all weathers, visitors may be assured of rest or pleasure in comfortable surroundings. There are reading and games rooms, Refreshment, and Orchestral Music.

I append the Sanitary Inspector's report and the usual tables for the information of the Council.

I would take this opportunity of stating my pleasure in carrying out my duties under a Council so earnest in the desire to ensure perfectly healthy conditions for the town.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. FRASER MENZIES, M.B., Ch.B. (St. And.)

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE III.**CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1938.**

NAME OF DISTRICT:

SKEGNESS URBAN DISTRICT.

| | Male | Female |
|--|------|--------|
| 1—Enteric Fever | | |
| 2—Small Pox | | |
| 3—Measles | | |
| 4—Scarlet Fever | | |
| 5—Whooping Cough | | |
| 6—Diphtheria | | |
| 7—Influenza | | |
| 8—Other Respiratory Diseases | | |
| 9—Tuberculosis of Respiratory System | 3 | |
| 10—Other Tuberculous Diseases | 1 | |
| 11—Cancer Malignant Diseases | 4 | 10 |
| 12—Syphilis | | |
| 13—Diabetes | | 4 |
| 14—Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc. | 4 | 4 |
| 15—Heart Disease | 21 | 23 |
| 16—Senility | 5 | 5 |
| 17—Bronchitis | 1 | |
| 18—Pneumonia (all forms) | 1 | 3 |
| 19—Other Circulatory Diseases | 3 | 3 |
| 20—Other Digestive Diseases | 3 | 1 |
| 21—Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years) | | |
| 22—Appendicitis | | |
| 23—Disease of Liver, etc. | | |
| 24—Acute and Chronic Nephritis | | 1 |
| 25—Aneurysm | | |
| 26—Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition | | |
| 27—Peptic Ulcer | 1 | |
| 28—Suicide | 3 | |
| 29—Other Deaths from Violence | | |
| 30—Other Defined Diseases | 5 | 11 |
| 31—Causes Ill-defined or Unknown | 5 | 2 |
| | — | — |
| Total (all causes) 127 | 60 | 67 |
| | — | — |

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Report of work done by Sanitary Inspector for the year 1938 :

| | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Total No. of New Houses erected during the Year— | | | | | | 37 |
| (I.) | By the Local Authority | ... | ... | ... | ... | NIL. |
| (II.) | By other Local Authorities | ... | ... | ... | ... | NIL. |
| (III.) | By other bodies or persons | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37 |
| 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year— | | | | | | |
| (1) (a) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 579 |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | ... | ... | ... | ... | 827 |
| (2) (i) | Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40 |
| | (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | ... | ... | ... | ... | 129 |
| (3) | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (4) | Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | ... | ... | ... | ... | 276 |
| 2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices :— | | | | | | |
| | Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 269 |
| 3. Action Under Statutory Powers during the Year :— | | | | | | |
| (a) | Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 36 of the Housing Act, 1936. | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| | (a) by owners | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| | (b) by Local Authority in default of owners | ... | ... | ... | ... | NIL. |
| (b) | Proceedings under Public Health Acts. | | | | | |
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :— | | | | | |
| | (a) by owners | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| | (b) by Local Authority in default of owners | ... | ... | ... | ... | NIL. |
| (c) | Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 | | | | | |
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | ... | ... | ... | ... | NIL. |

| | |
|--|-----|
| (3) No. of dwelling-houses subject to undertakings | 3 |
| (d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :— | |
| (1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... | Nil |
| (2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... | Nil |

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV.—Overcrowding.

| | |
|---|-----|
| (a) (I.) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. | Nil |
| (II.) Number of families dwelling therein ... | Nil |
| (III.) Number of persons dwelling therein ... | Nil |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 2 |
| (c) (I.) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | 2 |
| (II.) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... | 16 |
| (d) Number of Houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved | Nil |
| (e) Number of Licences granted under Section 61 ... | 260 |

Common Lodging Houses—

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Number registered under by-laws | } None in District |
| „ of inspections made | |
| „ of contraventions of by-laws | |
| „ of contraventions remedied | |

Canal Boats used as Dwelling-houses—

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Number registered under Acts | } None in District. |
| „ of Inspections | |
| „ of contraventions of regulations | |
| „ of contraventions remedied | |

Movable Dwellings, Tents, Vans, &c.—

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number inspected during year | 900 |
| „ of nuisances therefrom abated | 27 |
| „ removed from district | 850 |

Bakehouses.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Number in district | 12 |
| „ of underground bakehouses | Nil |
| „ of Inspections | 50 |
| Contraventions of Factory Acts | 3 |
| Defects remedied | 3 |

Slaughter-houses—

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Number on register | 3 |
| „ of Inspections | 312 |
| Contraventions of by-laws | 3 |
| Defects remedied | 3 |

Cowsheds.

| | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Number on register | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| „ of Inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | quarterly. |
| Contraventions of regulations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Contraventions remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Number of milch cows in district | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | approx. 160 |

Dairies and Milk Shops.

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Number on register | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| „ of Inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Quarterly |
| Contraventions of regulations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Contraventions remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year | | | | | | No |

UNSO UND FOOD.

Carcases inspected and Condemned.

| | Cattle excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs |
|--|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------------------|------|
| Number killed (if known) | 308 | Nil | 60 | 2283 | 1050 |
| Number inspected | 300 | — | 60 | 2200 | 1010 |
| All diseases except T.B. | | | | | |
| Whole carcase condemned | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Carcase of which some part or organ was con- demned | 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1 |
| Percentage of number in- spected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis | .7 | Nil | Nil | Nil | .1 |
| Tuberculosis only. | | | | | |
| Whole carcase condemned | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1 |
| Carcase of which some part or organ was con- demned | 1 | Nil | Nil | Nil | 4 |
| Percentage of number in- spected affected with Tuberculosis | .3 | Nil | Nil | Nil | .5 |

Also surrendered, 2 Tins Pressed Beef. 12 lbs.
 1 Side Bacon. 37½ lbs.
 5 Rolls Bacon.
 1 Box Pears.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

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Offensive Trades—

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of premises in district | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| „ of Inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 72 |
| Contraventions of by-laws | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Contraventions remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |

Shops Act, 1934—

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of shops inspected | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 |
| Additional heating or ventilation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Additional sanitary conveniences | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Exemption Certificate granted under section 10 (2) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |

WATER SUPPLY.

Wells—

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| New Sunk | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Cleansed, repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Closed as polluted | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

Public Supply—

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| Area supplied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Practically whole area |
| Percentage of houses supplied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 99 % |
| New Cisterns provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered, etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Number of samples obtained for analysis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| (a) from wells | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| (b) from public supply | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Any insufficiency and where | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | One or two Houses in Mill Lane |

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Closets—

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Number of houses with privy vaults in district | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| „ of houses with pail closets in district | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37 |
| „ of pail closets substituted for privy vaults | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| „ of pail closets repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| „ of houses with water-closets in district | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,252 |
| „ of water-closets substituted for dry receptacles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| „ „ „ repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |

Drains—

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Drains examined, tested, exposed, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| „ unstopped, repaired, trapped, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, &c. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Existing soil pipes or ventilating shafts repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Drains reconstructed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

Cesspools—

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| Cesspools rendered impervious | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Nil |
| „ emptied, cleansed &c., | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Weekly |
| „ abolished | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | Nil |

Disinfection—

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Rooms disinfected | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 114 |
| (a) ordinary infectious disease | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 82 |
| (b) tuberculosis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Rooms stripped and cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Articles disinfected or destroyed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (a) ordinary infectious disease | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (b) tuberculosis | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |

House Refuse—

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Number of covered ashpits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| „ of uncovered ashpits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| „ of bins substituted for ashpits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| „ of houses using bins | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,285 |
| Is refuse removed by householders or by public scavenger? | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Council |
| How frequently is refuse removed from each house | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Winter-weekly twice weekly in Summer |
| Number of complaints of non-removal | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Practically non-existent |
| Method of final disposal | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Controlled Tip |
| Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory? | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Yes |

Nuisances—

| | |
|---|-----|
| Total Number of Nuisances during year : | |
| (1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector | 82 |
| (2) Reported to Council Statutory notice issued | Nil |
| „ „ not issued | 5 |

Details of Nuisances Abated—

| | After Informal Intimation. | After Stat. Notice. |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Overcrowding | 2 | — |
| Smoke | 3 | — |
| Accumulation of refuse | 30 | — |
| Foul ditches, ponds and stagnant water | 5 | — |
| Foul pigs and other animals | 11 | — |
| Dampness | 24 | — |
| Yards re-paved or repaired | 7 | — |
| Other nuisances | — | — |

Supplementary remarks as to Sanitary Requirements of District, and extended notes from any of the foregoing entries.

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| Miscellaneous Visits totalled (These include visits in connection with house and trade refuse removal and disposal and visits to properties with agents, owners and builders) | 453 |
| Infectious Disease Visits | 22 |
| Visits to food premises, etc. | 85 |
| Inspections under Petroleum Acts | 56 |
| Inspections under Rats and Mice Destruction Act | 22 |

